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**CONFIRMATION OF UNDERSTANDING REACHED**

Dear Examiner Lockett:

It is the purpose of this communication to confirm the understanding reached between Examiner Lockett and the undersigned in a telephone conversation on July 13, 2006 and regarding the allowability of the instant application.

It is the undersigned's understanding that by amending the application, in the manner indicated below, and by way of an Examiner's Amendment, the application is allowable, the Examiner would prepare a Notice of Allowance on this coming Monday and that it would not be necessary for the undersigned to file a Notice of Appeal.

The amendment encompasses the following.

- 1 Claim 18 is cancelled.
2. Claims 19 and 20, which were dependent on 18, would now be made to depend on claim 13. Also, "second string anchoring means" in claims 19 and 20 will be changed to read -lower string anchoring means-.
3. Claims 21 through 24 are cancelled. It was the Examiner's position that these claims, directed to a bridge were directed to a different invention than the remaining claims directed to a stringed musical instrument and that the bridge claims would be subject to a requirement for restriction.



Respectfully submitted,

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